

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,
Females, and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

**Monthly Council Meeting
Location: Video Conference Room 2-025
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Monday, March 22, 2010 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Curtis Thompson
Raymond Arias
Alesia Hawkins
Jesse Martinez
Florence Cox
Larry Ivory
Beth Doria
Patrick Blair (via video conference)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Phillip Barreda
Letitia Herrera
Hedy Ratner
Lynne Turner
Lourdes Coss
Michael Gonzalez
Lawrence Parrish (represented by Vince Rangel)

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

James P. Sledge, CMS/ Director

ACTING COUNCIL SECRETARY

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, CMS/BEP

CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Philina King, CMS/BEP Legal Counsel
Nadine Lacombe, CMS Legal
Yvette Riley, CMS/BEP
Gladys Rodriguez, CMS/BEP
Rachel Y. Barksdale Little, CMS/BEP

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Denise Martinez, Policy Adviser – Office of the Governor
Stephanie Stephens, General Manager of Diversity - Illinois Toll Highway Authority
Vince Rangel, Deputy Director - Illinois Department of Transportation
Jessica Kimbrough, Associate General Counsel – Office of the Governor
Kesner Bienvenu, Associate General Counsel – Office of the Governor

AGENDA

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON February 22, 2010
- 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
- 5.0 POSTED BUSINESS
 - 5.1 Disparity Study Update – Denise Martinez
 - 5.2 Legislative Update – Office of the Governor – Legislative Affairs
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 6.1 Committee Updates
 - A. Exemption/Compliance Committee
 - B. Bonding Committee
 - C. Professional Services
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

CALLED TO ORDER

James P. Sledge, Director for Illinois Department of Central Management Services, called the Business Enterprise Program Council meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, Acting Business Enterprise Council Secretary, took roll call.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF February 22, 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting held February 22nd were amended at the request of Beth Doria and Florence Cox. A motion for approval was made by Beth Doria and seconded by Larry Ivory. The amended minutes were approved by the remaining members of the Council. No opposition nor abstentions.

2010 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The upcoming BEP Council meetings will be scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, from 1:00 PM. to 3:00 PM.

The Council meeting calendar for 2010 is as follows:

- 26th April 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
- 24th May 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
- 28th June 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
- 26th July 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
- 23rd August 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
- 27th September 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025

25th October 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
22nd November 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025
27th December 2010 – JRTC, Room 2-025

POSTED BUSINESS

Chair James Sledge called for presentations:

Presentation by Denise Martinez:

Denise Martinez provided an update on the Disparity Study.

Updates are as follows:

Utilization Study:

- Ms. Martinez stated they are currently in the 2nd phase of the study (data verification).

Availability Study:

- Vendor continues to work with CMS Disparity Study committee members to assure that all willing and able businesses in Illinois are accounted for in the availability portion of the study.

Community Meetings:

- Community meetings are currently scheduled for April 14th and 15th (dates may be changed).
- Community Meetings will take place in Belleville, Springfield and Chicago.
- Ms. Martinez noted that more information will be provided to the BEP Council following this week's CMS Disparity Study committee meeting.

Presentation by Office of the Governor, Legislative Affairs:

Chair James Sledge informed the Council that Adam Braun from the Governor's Office could not make the meeting today due to a conflict. Council members are free to submit any questions or concerns they may have to Mr. Braun.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair James Sledge called for committee updates.

A. Exemption/Compliance Committee

Raymond Arias informed the Council that his committee has not met. Mr. Arias stated his committee will discuss meeting dates this week. He offered his apology to the Council.

B. Bonding Committee - No Report

C. Professional Services Committee – No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill 51:

Beth Doria voiced her concerns regarding legislation. Ms. Doria informed the Council that she had started making personal telephone calls to legislators regarding Senate Bill 51 issues. Ms. Doria stated that there seemed to be a miscommunication regarding the effective date of the bill. Some thought the bill did not go into effect until July 1, 2011. She encouraged members to contact their legislators to voice their concerns.

Discussion on member's attendance:

Beth Doria raised an issue regarding a process for members who are consistently absent. Ms. Doria expressed that there are members on the Council she never met.

Florence Cox provided her suggestions on how the Council could reach out to members that do not attend meetings. Some members may have a valid reason vs. a no show.

Chair James Sledge informed the Council that his staff emails and or telephones council members regarding monthly meetings. CMS/BEP will review other ways of increasing attendance.

Chair James Sledge indicated that council member attendance is shared routinely with the Governor's Office. Chair James Sledge advised that appointments to the Council are made by the Governor.

Outreach Event:

- Jesse Martinez informed the Council that Capital Development Board will host an event at Malcolm X College on April 6, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Mr. Martinez noted that Senate Bill 351 will be the main topic of discussion.

NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010, James R Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph Street, Room 2-025, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
- Ways to improve council member attendance and participation.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM